GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:143
ANSWERED ON:07.03.2001
RESTRUCTURING OF CBI
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Will the Minister of PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to restructure the existing set up of the Central Bureau of Investigation inorder to dispose of the large number of cases lying pending for investigation;

(b) if so, the details of the cases pending with C.B.I. for investigation during the last three years; and

(c) the action taken or proposed to be taken to dispose of all the cases within a definite time frame?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING AND DEPARTMENT OF PENSIONS AND PENSIONERS WELFARE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SMT. VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a),(b) and (c) : A Statement is placed on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a),(b) AND (c) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.143 TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.03.2001.

Part (a) and (b) :

1. The Government had constituted an Independent Review Committee on 8th September, 1997 inter alia to examine the structure and working of the CBI. The report of the said Committee was considered by the Supreme Court in the case of Vineet Narain and others Versus Union of India. The Supreme Court in its judgment dated 18.12.1997 in the aforesaid case gave directions inter alia for entrusting the Central Vigilance Commission(CVC) with the responsibility of the superintendence over the CBI`s functioning, including review and progress of cases under investigation. The Government has decided to implement the aforesaid directions and action has been taken/initiated accordingly.

2. In December, 1998 and July 1999, the Government sanctioned a total number of 183 posts of various levels including technical posts, for augmenting the Special Crime Division and the Economic Offices Wing of the CBI with a view to strengthen the in-house expertise by inducting professionals from the revenue, banking and security sectors.

3. The details of the cases pending investigation during the last three years are as under:

Year	Cases Pending Investigation (As on 31st Dec.)
1998	1629
1999	1573
2000	1555

Part (c) : The CBI Crime Manual provides for a time frame for disposal of cases under investigation and submission of progress reports to senior supervisory officers for monitoring the progress of investigation. Targets for registration of cases, disposal of cases under investigation are also prescribed for all Branches of CBI. All cases under investigation are constantly monitored/reviewed at the higher level and performance of Branches assessed on the basis of the targets achieved. Special attention is given to the disposal of cases pending investigation for more than two years and progress in these cases is centrally monitored in CBI. Instructions have been issued to all supervisory officers of CBI to pay special attention to these cases and conduct a threadbare review of the cases to remove the impediments. All out efforts are being made by CBI to cut down delays, expedite investigations and reduce pendency.